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Title: FLEXIBLE TUBE FOR AN ENDOSCOPE

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- ☒ Fee Transmittal Form  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- a. ☐ Small Entity  
Statement(s)
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 109]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the invention
  - Brief Summary of the invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 15]
5. ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 6]
- a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy) ☒ Unexecuted
- b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 20 completed)  
[Note Box 6 below]
- i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 5b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a  
copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is  
considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying  
application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
7. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
8. ☐ CD-Rom or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer  
Program (Appendix)

9. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)
- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. ☐ paper
- c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies
10. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
11. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
12. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
13. ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS Citations  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
14. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
15. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
16. ☒ Figure of Drawing to be published: Figure 2
17. ☒ Foreign priority claimed
- a. ☒ Claim of Priority
- b. ☒ Certified Copies of Priority Document(s)
18. ☒ Assignee: ASAHI KOGAKU KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA,  
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19. ☒ Other: Cover Letter Under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) and 1.53(f); and  
Six (6) Sheets of Tables

20. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

Prior application information: Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_ Group Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

21. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
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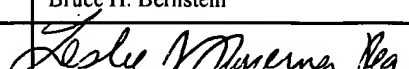
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Sir:

Enclosed is a new patent application for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) and 1.53(f) in which the Declaration and Power of Attorney attached thereto are in unexecuted form. An executed Declaration and Power of Attorney will be filed within the time period set forth in the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, unless such time period has been extended by the filing of a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

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The above-identified application includes:

- 109 pages of specification (including Abstract);
- 37 total claims; with 1 independent;
- 15 sheets of drawings with 15 figures;
- 6 Sheets of Tables;
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